(b) Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) in its letter dated 20.10.2009 has informed Ministry of Power that in a case arising out of the CTE (Chief Technical Examiner) examination of some works in DVC, the Commission has advised disciplinary action against the newly appointed Chairman, DVC and the advice was being communicated separately. In two more cases, his role has been found to attract disciplinary action. The Ministry was being addressed separately in those two cases. CVC has further advised Ministry of Power to revisit its decision regarding appointment of Chairman, DVC. However, no communication advising initiation of disciplinary action against the newly appointed Chairman, DVC has been received from CVC in the Ministry of Power.

(c) After receipt of the Communication of CVC dated 20.10.2009, Ministry of Power has taken up the matter of newly appointed Chairman, DVC with the Department of Personnel & Training and the matter is under consideration of the Government.

Delay in implementation of RGGVY

2734. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) has commenced after inordinate delay in some of the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether a number of projects sanctioned under RGGVY during the last three years and the current year are running behind schedule;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) 235 projects were sanctioned in X Plan and 332 projects have been sanctioned in XI Plan under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) and the electrification works of the projects sanctioned under RGGVY are in different stages of implementation in all States.

(c) and (d) A number of the projects sanctioned under RGGVY during the last three years and the current year are running behind the schedule because of the following reasons:

(i) Delay in forest clearance for the land proposals required for execution of the Projects.

(ii) Delays in land acquisition for 33/11 KV sub-stations by the States.

(iii) Limited number of good agencies available for execution of turnkey contracts.

(iv) Delays in issuance of road permit and way bills by some of the States.

(v) Very poor upstream rural electricity infrastructure in some States.

(vi) Delay in finalization of BPL lists by some States.

(vii) Delay in taking decision to waive state and local taxes on line materials by some States.

(viii) Difficult terrain in some States.

(ix) Law & order problem including Maoist Violence in some of the districts.

(e) For effective implementation of RGGVY, the following steps have been taken:

(i) Government of India has set up an inter-Ministerial Monitoring Committee which periodically meets to sanction projects and review progress of implementation.

(ii) States have been advised to set up district committees to monitor the progress of rural electrification works. All the States have notified formation of district committees.

(iii) The States have also been requested by the Ministry to hold monthly meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to resolve the bottlenecks in implementation of RGGVY.

(iv) The Government of India as also Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) the nodal agency for RGGVY, conduct frequent review meetings with all the stakeholders; the concerned State Governments, State power utilities and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme as per the agreed schedules.

(v) For speedier and effective implementation of projects, their execution has been taken up on turnkey basis.

(vi) To ensure qualitative execution of rural electrification works, a three tier quality control mechanism has been enforced under RGGVY for XI Plan projects.

(vii) Grant amount of BPL connection has been enhanced to Rs.2200/- in XI Plan from Rs.1500/-in X Plan.

(viii) To take care of the cost escalation, cost norms for village electrification has been revised upward as given below for XI Plan projects:

Cost norms for village electrification

1.	Electrification of un-electrified village	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
a	In normal terrain	13
b	In hilly, tribal, desert areas	18

Power requirement

†2735. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.